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In re Patent Application of :)
) Group Art Unit: 3624
William J. BUISMAN, et al.)
) Examiner: Richard C. Weisberger
Serial No.: 09/597,297)
) Customer No.: 21967
Filed: June 20, 2000)

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING
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**REQUEST FOR THE EXAMINER TO INITIAL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
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APPLICANT'S DECEMBER 12, 2004 OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

Sir:

Within our firm, Hunton & Williams, responsibility for the above-identified application was recently transferred from Herbert Kerner, to myself, Stephen Schreiner. In the course of reviewing the file on this date, and viewing the listings on PAIRs, it appears there may be several issues that the Examiner needs to address

Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)

It was observed that the Examiner did not appear to have initialed off on the IDSs that have been submitted for this application. The first IDS was filed on July 26, 2000, and listed two references. The second IDS was filed on November 3, 2000, and listed a

number of patent references and a number of publications. The third IDS (electronically filed) was filed on January 27, 2003, listing a number of patent references and publications. The fourth IDS was filed on February 7, 2003, and listed several patent references. Copies of these four IDSs are provided herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Based on our review of the file (including the July 2, 2002 rejection, the March 10, 2003, restriction requirement, and the July 15, 2003, rejection), none of these IDSs have been signed off on by the Examiner. Please sign off and return these IDSs in a separate communication or, if more convenient for the Examiner, with the next office action in this case.

Applicant's December 12, 2004 Response to July 15, 2003 Office Action

In response to the Examiner's July 15, 2003, non-final office action, Applicant filed a request for reconsideration on December 12, 2004, with appropriate extension fees. A copy of that response is attached for the Examiner's convenience. However, the PAIR printout for this application does not reflect Applicant's December 12, 2004, response. Applicant is including a copy of the PAIR printout for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant has not received anything from the PTO (such as a notice of abandonment) suggesting that Applicant's December 12th response was not entered. However, because PAIRS does not currently reflect Applicant's December 12th filing, Applicant requests that the Examiner please confirm that the December 12, 2004, response was entered and that application is merely awaiting further action from the PTO.

III. CONCLUSION

If the Examiner wishes to discuss any of these or other matters for this application, kindly contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number.

Please charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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